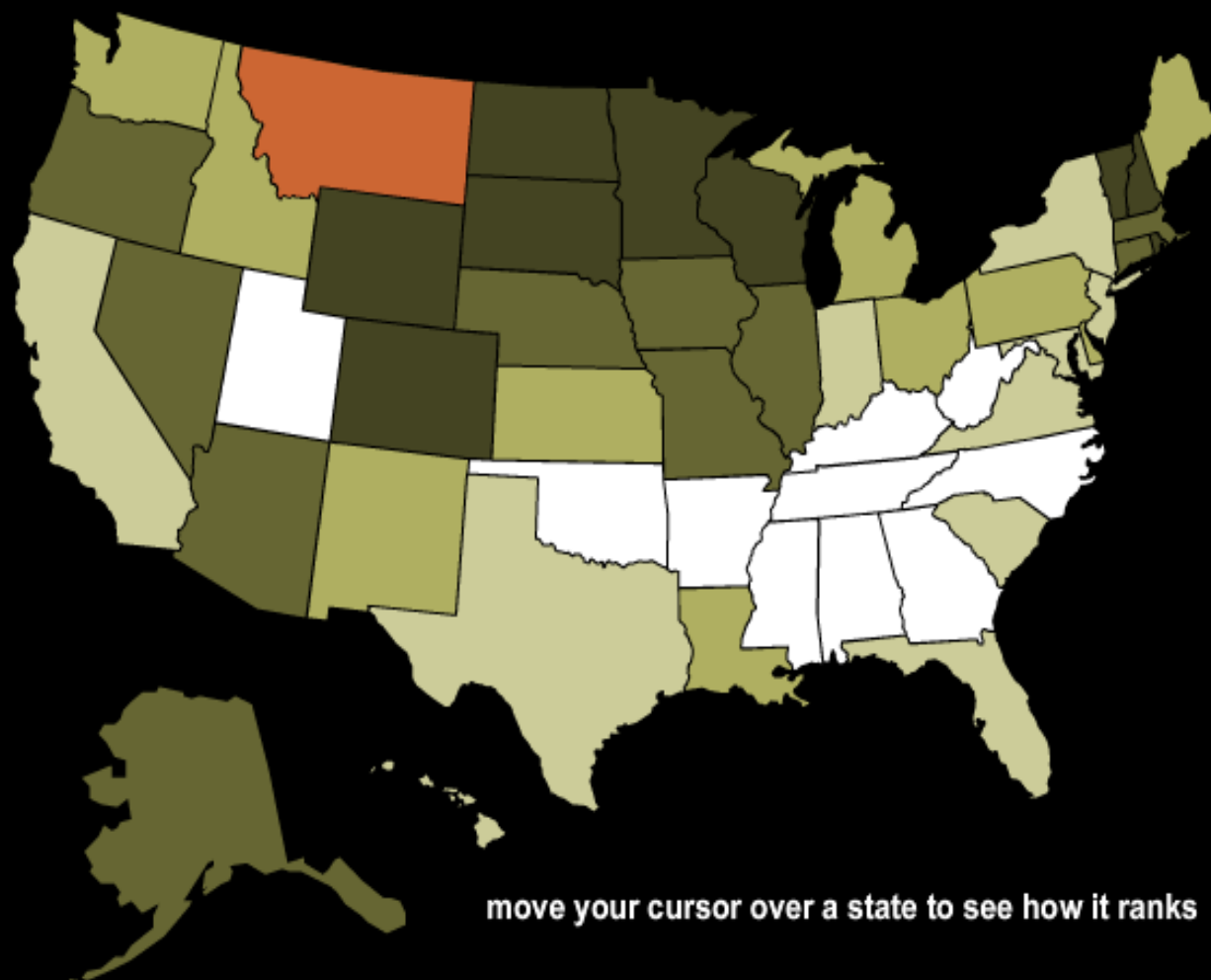


Drinking by the numbers

Gannett Wisconsin Media has developed a unique methodology of ranking states to show how much alcohol permeates their cultures.

States are grouped by prevalence of alcohol in residents' lives based on 10 categories of hard data.

■ 1-10 (most prevalent) ■ 11-20 ■ 21-30 ■ 31-40 ■ 41-50 (least prevalent)



Montana

Overall ranking..... 3

- Binge and heavy drinking..... 13
- Underage drinking..... 4
- Drunk driving fatalities..... 3
- Alcohol dependence and abuse..... 1
- Needing but not receiving treatment..... 2
- Gallons of alcohol sold per capita..... 8
- Alcohol-related health-care costs..... 19
- Beer tax (50 represents highest tax)..... 13
- Arrest rates for alcohol-related crimes.... 25
- On-premise liquor licenses per capita..... 3

move your cursor over a state to see how it ranks